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1. [redacted] all international traffic flat cars without sideracks and flat cars with folding sidewalls are to be reported immediately. No loadings are to be made without permission, and cars of the above-mentioned types which have already been detached to industrial plants are to be ordered back.

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2. [redacted] the loading of flat cars without sideracks and of other flat cars at the local rolling mill must be stopped immediately. These cars, [redacted] must be sent back.

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3. The bulk of traffic to the East after 25 October consisted of empty flat cars.

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**Comment:** The above mentioned types of rolling stock are principally suited for the transportation of vehicles, but not for tanks. The reported movement of empty rolling stock is above normal. The following explanations may be valid:

- a. Increased shipping of new motor vehicles from the USSR to East Germany under the motor vehicle exchange program which has been under way since July 1954.
- b. Shipment of heavy weapons for the KVP.
- c. A shipment of aircraft in crates for the 24th Air Army or the KVP air force.

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